

MARQUETTE INTERCHANGE

Looking to the Future

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October 19 Open House

The study will host its second open house on October 19 at the War Memorial from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. (see back page for details on the meeting location and parking).

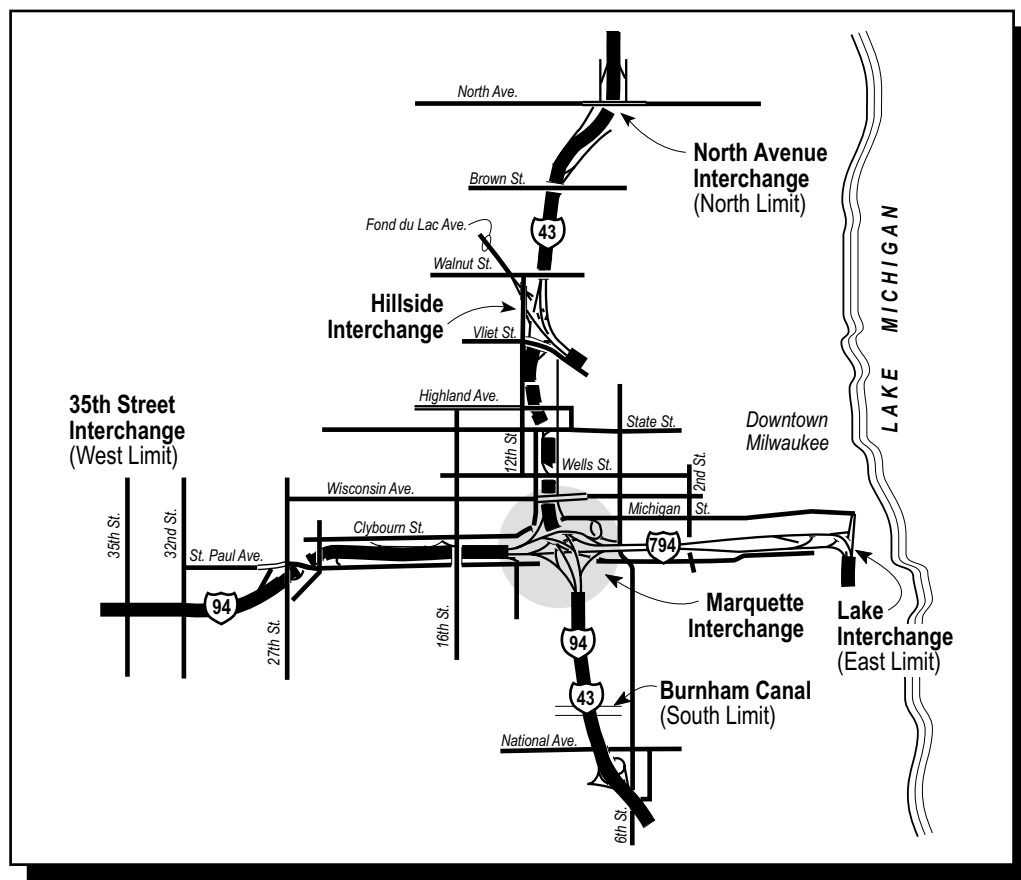
Please stop by anytime between 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. and give your comments on the new alternatives, access to the interchange from local streets or other matters of concern to you.



Study Team Develops New Ideas For The Interchange

The team is moving at full speed to develop ideas for the reconstruction of the interchange by the spring of 2002. Once a plan is chosen there will be a two-year period devoted to design. Construction is slated to begin in 2004 and last four years.

We are pleased that you are taking a few moments to read our second newsletter. If you would like additional information please see our Web site at www.dot.state.wi.us (scroll down to Highway Studies and click on Marquette Interchange). You can also attend the October open house or ask the study team to meet with your group by contacting Don Rhodes at 262/548-8835 or by e-mail at donald.rhodes@dot.state.wi.us. If you have questions about the study please contact Don at any time.



Community Outreach

The study team continues with its intensive community outreach and has met with elected officials, local governments, business organizations, community groups and groups that represent minorities. Some of the groups with whom the study team has met with include:

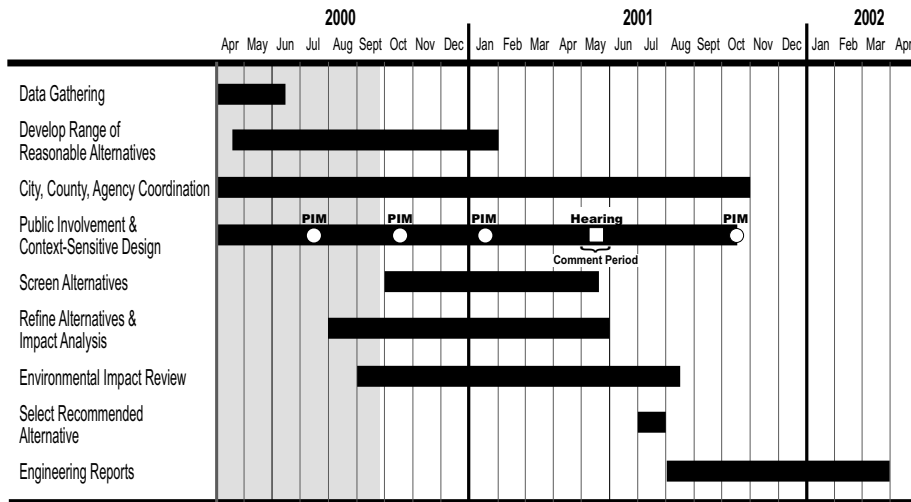
- African American Chamber of Commerce
- Avenues West
- Citizens for a Better Environment

- City & County Public Works Departments
- City of Milwaukee Common Council
- Downtown Management District (BID 21)
- East Town Association
- Historic Third Ward Association
- Hmong-American Friendship Association
- Lao Family Center
- Marquette University
- Menomonee Valley Business Association
- Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
- Milwaukee County Executive

- Milwaukee Urban League
- Merrill Park Neighborhood Association
- Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce
- Metropolitan Association of Realtors
- National Association of Minority Contractors, Wisconsin Chapter
- Sinai Samaritan Medical Center
- State Representatives & Officials
- United Community Center
- West End Development Corporation
- Westtown Association



Study Schedule



PIM = Public Information Meeting

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July Open House

On July 18 and 19 the study team hosted its first public meeting at Marquette University's Alumni Memorial Union. Approximately 160 people attended the two-day session.

Information available to the public included the condition of the structures, traffic, crash data and alternatives for reconstruction developed in previous studies. Shuttles took participants to the interchange to get first-hand views of the condition of the bridges.

The meeting drew intense media coverage. Each local TV news station featured stories and many local radio and newspapers highlighted the meeting and the study.

Study Team Develops New Alternatives for the Reconstruction of the Interchange

Based on public comments, crash data and traffic projections, the study team has prepared several new alternatives for reconstructing the interchange. These new alternatives, ranging from reducing the size and capacity of the interchange to expanding the size of the interchange, address safety and operational problems such as left-hand on and off ramps and access to and from local streets.

By moving or consolidating exit and entrance ramps from local streets, the safety and op-

eration of the interchange could be improved and adequate access to and from downtown Milwaukee would be maintained. Several of the study team's new alternatives have moved or consolidated access points for the interchange.

The new alternatives will be evaluated on several criteria including:

- Traffic flow during and after construction
- Safety
- Community needs and wishes
- Compatibility with the community (see "Context-sensitive Design" below)
- Effects on the environment
- Effects on the economy of the downtown, region, and state
- Access

Context-sensitive Design

One criteria of how alternatives for the interchange will be evaluated is the compatibility of the appearance, design and construction of the interchange with the surrounding area.

What's Next?

Further Refinement of Alternatives

Between October and January, the study team will determine which alternatives are the most promising for further detailed analysis. Factors that will be evaluated are public com-

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ments, engineering data, costs, and effects on the community.

January Open House

Another open house is planned for January 2001, when the study team will present its refined alternatives for public review and comment. After the January open house three to five of the most promising alternatives will be evaluated in a report called an Environmental Assessment. The Environmental Assessment will document the effects of the alternatives on traffic, parking, access, and the natural environment (i.e. air and water quality).